

Amendments to the Specification:

On page one of the present application, directly beneath the title, insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

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This application is the U.S. national stage of International Application No. PCT/GB98/03137, filed October 21, 1998, which claims the benefit of priority of GB 9722448.9, filed on October 23, 1997.--

Amend the paragraph on page 5, lines 10-24, of the present application, as follows:

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--Acrylic fibres containing 0.4% tolnaftate were prepared by a similar method to that disclosed in Example 1 of GB-2,309,461, which discloses adding tolnaftate to an acrylic dope that is spun through a spinnerette into a cold aqueous coagulating bath to form a tow of fibre. See page 4, lines 21-33, of GB-2,309,461. Such fibres are available commercially from Courtaulds Fibres (Holdings) Limited under the Trade Mark AMICOR AF. Acrylic fibres containing no antifungal agent (available from Courtaulds Fibres (Holdings) Limited under the Trade Mark COURTELLE) were used as the control. The antimicrobial activity of the fibres was measured by the parallel streak method disclosed in Example 1 of GB-2,309,461, but using a culture of *A. repens* (IMI 094150) containing ca. 3×10^6 spores/ml. Test plates were incubated at 25°C for 4 days. The widths of inhibition zones of fungal growth were measured, and the results (overall range and in parenthesis the average of 12 measurements) are reported in the Table below:--
